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1. In late January 1954 the East German State Planning Commission advised the Main Administration for Radio and Telecommunications (HV RFT) that the Carl von Ossietzky firm in Teltow (formerly Dralowid) would apply in the near future for the procurement through DIA imports of five kilograms of purest germanium. On 7 February 1954 the formal requirement from the firm was placed with DIA. DIA requested the Material Supply Department of HV RFT to procure the germanium from the West.
2. Since August 1953 three kilograms of purest germanium have been imported from the West into East Germany.

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